(घ) इस हड़ताल के कारण देश को कुल कितना नुकसान हुआ?

वित्त मंत्रालय (बैंकिंग, राजस्व और बीमा) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कादम्बूर एम०आर० जनार्दनन): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) वेतन संशोधन के शीघ्र निपटारे की अपनी मुख्य मांग के समर्थन में बड़ी संख्या में बैंक कर्मचारियों ने हड़ताल की थी।

(ग) और (घ) एक विवरण संलग्न है।

विवरण

बैंक कर्मचारियों के वेतन, भत्ते और अन्य मूल सेवा शर्तें बैंक प्रबन्धन का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले भारतीय बैंक संघ और मुख्य कर्मकार यूनियनों/अधिकारी परिसंघों के प्रतिनिधियों के बीच द्विपक्षीय समझौते के माध्यम से निर्धारित किए जाते हैं।

भारतीय बैंक संघ और कर्मकार यूनियनों/अधिकारी परिसंघों के बीच समझौता वार्ता के लिए एक वर्तमान मंच है। इस मंच के अंतर्गत बातचीत चल रही है। इसके अतिरिक्त, क्षेत्रीय श्रम आयुक्त के स्तर पर सुलह प्रक्रिया चल रही है। कर्मकार यूनियनों/अधिकारी परिसंघों के हड़ताल पर जाने के निर्णय और अपने मतभेदों का समाधान करने के लिए समझौता वार्ता के लिए विद्यमान मंच का प्रयोग न करने से आम जनता को असुविधा होती है और इससे व्यापार और उद्योग के कारबारी कार्यकलाप प्रभावित होते हैं। इस मद पर हानि की मात्रा का हिसाब नहीं लगाया जा सकता है। सरकार का विचार है कि इन मुद्दों को सौहार्दपूर्ण बातचीत के माध्यम से सर्वोत्तम तरीके से हल किया जा सकता है।

Subsidy on Fertilizers

*188. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to phase out subsidy on fertilizers in the near future;

(b) if so, the details of the policy of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the implications of the withdrawal of the subsidy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above questions do not rise.

Air Service from Bilaspur (M.P.)

*189. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a well maintained airstrip (airport) already exists at Bilaspur (Madhya Pradesh) which has been operative for the Central Government/State Government aircrafts;

(b) whether it is proposed to be linked with Delhi-Bhopal and other stations by the Indian Airlines; if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh and other associations of the area have sent proposals for the opening of airport at Bilaspur; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): while there is an airstrip at Bilasspur suitable for 30 seater type of aircraft the same is not beign maintained in operational condition because no airline has projected any requirement to operate from this airstrip.

(b) Bilarspur is about 90 kilometers (forty eight nautical miles) away from Raipur and the need of passengers to/from Bilaspur are at present met by Indian Airlines/Alliance Air Services through Raipur. There are no plans at present to link Bilaspur with Delhi and Bhopal or any other station.

(c) Requests have been received for operation of flights to Bilaspur.

(d) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport

services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is for the airlines to provide air services to specific places including Bilaspur depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of route disperal guidelines issued by Government.

Reduction in interest rates on Small Savings

190. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Federation of Postal Employees' Union had protested on January 6, 1999, against Government' decision to reduce the rates of interest for all the schemes of small savings, including term deposits and Indira Vikas and Krishi Vikas Patras;

(b) if so, the details of their protest and Government's reaction and response thereto; and

(c) the total estimated annual collections through such small savings; and how far these savings are likely to be diverted to her unwholesome avenues like chit funds, mutual funds and lotteries?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) the total estimated net collections of small savings including Public Provident Fund during 1998-99 are Rs. 29000 crore. Small savings schemes continue to carry attractive returns, substantial tax benefits, easy liquidity terms and Government of India guarantee. Therefore, investor confidence will continue in small saving schemes and diversion to other avenues is not expected.

Funds for Promotion of Tourism in States

*191. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise allocation of funds earmarked for various States for promoting tourism during this year;

(b) the names of the States, who have requested for the grant of financial assistance indicating the names of the schemes under which the assistance has been sought; and

(c) the details of the action taken so far by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANATH KUMAR): (a) to (c) No fund is earmarked statewise. Each year the Ministry of Tourism prioritises projects for central financial assistance in consultation with State Governments. The State-wise details of projects prioritised for 1998-99 are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

The Central Financial is provided for the following tourism infrastructure projects.

- Tourist Complex/Tourist Bunglows/ 2Motels/Beach Centres
- Yatri Niwas/Yatrikas (for group tourist)
- Tourist Reception Centre
- Wayside Amenities
- Upgradation-Cum-Expansion of exisiting tourist facilities
- Health Centres
- Public Conveniences at Tourist Centres
- Refurbishment of Monuments/ Heritage Buildings and Improvement of their Environs
- Development of Pilgrim/Tourist Centres and Major Tourism Projects.
- Adventure Sports